Setting up of Growth Centres

1559. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centrally-assisted scheme to set up 'Growth Centres' in the indostrially backward areas of various States has not made much headway and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the basic concept of the Growth Centres; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to overcome the hurdles to ensure the successful establishmet of Growth Centres as envisaged

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) With a view to promoting industrialisation of the backward areas in the country, the Government announced in June, 1988 a Scheme for establishment of 70 Growth Centres all over the country during the VIII Five Year Plan. These centres would be provided with basic facilities such as power, water, banking and telecommunication etc. so that these could attract industries. Each growth centre would be developed at an estimated cost of Rs. 25—30 crores and would be jointly funded by the Centre, State and the Financial Institutions. Sites of 69 centres have been identified and announced. Out of 66 Project Reports which have been received from the State Governments so far, 39 have been appraised and approved. Central assistance of Rs. 73.24 crores has been released so far. The States have contributed about 90 crores.

(c) The implementation of the scheme is reviewed constantly. A reiew committee had also been constituted. It has submitted its report which is under the consideration of the Government.

Foreign companies in India

1560. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign companies in our country at present; and

(b) the number of collaboral sectors, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) During the Post-policy period (i.e. 1-8-91 to 31.1.95) 2837 proposals for foreign investment have been recevied and approved for setting up of projects in India, involving foreign direct investment of Rs. 27905.94 crores (including Rs. 5230.44 crores to be raised through Euro Issues).

(b) Statement showing sector-wise breakup of number of foreign collaboration proposals approved during the post policy period from 1-8-91 to 31 1.95 is attached as statement—I (*See* below)

Statement showing lountry-wise breakup of foreign collaboration proposals approved from 1991 to 1995 (upto Jan.) is attached as statement—II

Statement-I

Sector-wise Break-up of foreign investment cases approved from 01/08/91 *to* 31/01/95

Sl. No.	Name of Industry	Number of Financial Approvals
1	2	3
1.	Mettallurgical Industries : Ferrous	48